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SUBJECT: INDONESIA-JAPAN LNG TRANSPORTATION

REF: TOKYO 12489

1. AFTER CONTACTING ITS OWN INSPECTORS, COAST GUARD, AND GENERAL DYNAMICS' CHARLESTON SPHERE FACILITY OFFICIALS, MARAD HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED REFTEL.

2. AT PRESENT COAST GUARD WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY MORE THAN THREE REPAIR CYCLES. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT SEAMS WHICH ARE REPAIRED MORE THAN THREE TIMES ARE WEAKENED IN ANY WAY. TESTS ARE, IN FACT, NOW UNDER WAY TO DEMONSTRATE TO COAST GUARD THAT EVEN GREAT NUMBER OF MULTIPLE REPAIRS WOULD NOT DEGRADE MATERIAL PROPERTIES. SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY TEST RESULTS, COAST GUARD WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT MORE THAN THREE CYCLES OF REPAIR.

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3. PARA TWO REFTEL IMPLIES THAT GENERAL DYNAMICS HAS

CALLED IN ALCOA EXPERTS ONLY RECENTLY AND IN DESPERATION.
THIS IS NOT THE CASE. ALCOA HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT TO
GENERAL DYNAMICS SINCE INCEPTION OF CONTRACT FOR EASCO
VESSELS, SINCE GD IS USING ALCOA LICENSED PROCESS. KISSINGER

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